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SUBJ: LOWER HOUSE ELECTION IN QUANG NAM

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1. ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT DELEGATE'S OFFICE IN DA NANG, ALL ELEVEN CANDIDATES LISTED IN REFTEL ARE STILL IN THE RUNNING. NONE HAS WITHDRAWN. AT PRESENT THE FOLLOWING FIVE CANDIDATES APPEAR TO BE FRONT RUNNERS: TRUONG DINH NAM AKA VU THUY; HUYNH TAN; PHAN LAI; DINH VAN BIEN; HO CONG THUONG. WINNER WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE ONE OF THESE FIVE AND TRUONG DINH NAM SEEMS TO HAVE SLIGHT EDGE, BASED ON PROBABLE SUPPORT FROM CATHOLICS, CVT AND AT LEAST SOME KY BO VNQDD.

2. KEY FACTORS IN ELECTION SEEM TO BE HOW BADLY THE KY BO VNQDD VOTE FRAGMENTS AND HOW SUCCESSFUL TRUONG DINH NAM IS IN HIS ESTENSIVE POLITICKING. ALTHOUGH DINH VAN BIEN IS EX. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY OF KY BO, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY BRS NHI, NUMBER TWO NAM IN QUANG NAM KY BO, THAT BIEN IS NOT APPROVED PARTY CANDIDATE AND KY BO VOTE WILL GO TH HUYNH TAN. NAM HAS BEEN RUNNING HARD, BUT IT IS NOT YET CLEAR HOW MUCH GOOD IT HAS DONE HIM.

3. ACCORDING TO RUMOR, QUANG NAM PROVINCE CHIEF REQUESTED FROM GOVERNMENT DELEGATE IN INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF THE ELECTION BECAUSE OF SECURITY SITUATION IN QUANG NAM. QUANG NAM'S PROVINCE OFFICE CONFIRMED TO US THAT SUCH A REQUEST HAD BEEN

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MADE, BUT SAID THAT MINISTER OF INTERIOR HAD APPARENTLY VETOED POSTPONEMENT. DETAILS ON THIS AS WELL AS CAMPAIGN DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE REPORTED AS THEY COME TO LIGHT. BUNKER
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